--- 1/14th Pound - Series “A” - 155 x 15 mm. - scanned at 100% scale ---

The catalogue lists the 155 x 15 mm. black, 1/14th pound Series “A” strips as follows:

RP-812 - 1/14th pound, coarse roulette, with ***4½ mm. blue control numbers***
RP-813 - 1/14th pound, *imperforate*, with ***4½ mm. blue control numbers***

--- RP-812 - ***coarse roulette*** - with ***4½ mm. blue control numbers*** - ***undated*** cancellations ---

If **Series “A”** follows the example of the **“Series of 1915”**, the initial strips in the Series were separated by *coarse roulette*.

RP-812 - 1/14th pound, *coarse roulette*, control **5460034**
Stamped ***Sample*** in the cancellation panel

RP-812 - 1/14th pound, *coarse roulette*, control **7644260**
Roller cancelled **1-18-E** by “Tuckett Tobacco”, Hamilton

5460034 ★	RP-812	1/14th pound, coarse roulette, stamped ***Sample***
7644166 ★	RP-812	1/14th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **1 - 18 - E**
7644218	RP-812	1/14th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **1 - 18 - E**
7644260 ★	RP-812	1/14th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **1 - 18 - E**

--- RP-813 - ***imperforate*** - with ***4½ mm. blue control numbers*** - ***undated*** cancellations ---

RP-813 - 1/14th pound, *imperforate*, control **4480355**
Roller cancelled **1-10-D** by “Macdonald Tobacco”, Montreal

1249260	RP-813	1/14th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-10-D**
2128603	RP-813	1/14th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-10-D**
3825198	RP-813	1/14th pound, imperforate, rollered **10-D** - ex Montreal Excise Office
4480355 ★	RP-813	1/14th pound, imperforate, rollered **1-10-D**
4594218	RP-813	1/14th pound, imperforate, unreadable roller
5536239 ★	RP-813	1/14th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **1 - 10 - D**

--- RP-813 - *imperforate* - with *4½ mm. blue control numbers* - *dated* cancellations ---

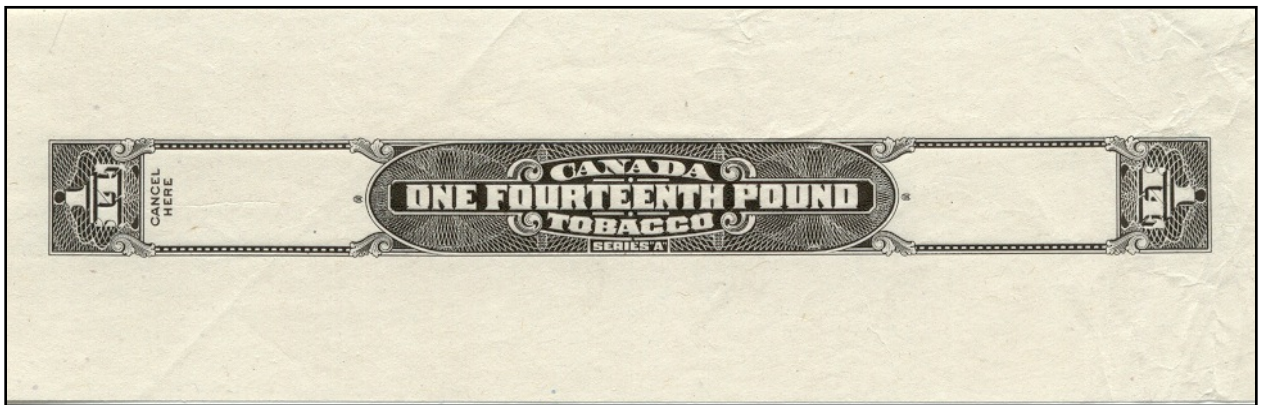
The earliest listed *dated* example of the *imperforate* 1/14th pound **Series "A"** strip is used by "Imperial Tobacco", Granby, in December 1930, and the last *dated* from "Imperial Tobacco", Granby, is April 1936.

RP-813 - 1/14th pound, *imperforate*, control **5295021**
Roller cancelled **1-10-D-4-33** by "Macdonald Tobacco", Montreal, in April 1933

5712961	12/30	RP-813	1/14th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23-D / 1230**
5750327	04/31	RP-813	1/14th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23-D / 431**
5295021 ★	04/33	RP-813	1/14th pound, imperforate, mimeographed **1-10-D-4-33**
6501445	07/33	RP-813	1/14th pound, imperforate, mimeographed **1-10-D-7-33**
9138225	04/36	RP-813	1/14th pound, imperforate, coded **1-23-D / AGB**

An unfinished die Proof of RP-812

It seems obvious from this unfinished proof that the *primary die* used to produce the Series "A" strips was formed leaving a blank area at each end and in the central denomination panel. This primary die was hardened and pressed onto a transfer roll, which was then hardened and rolled to produce a mild steel *secondary die*, which was completed by the engraver in the required denomination, hardened, and used to produce *tertiary* dies and the final plate.



RP-812 DP - 1/14th pound, a 7½ x 2 inch black die proof on light India paper
The lathe work on the die is unfinished around **14** at both ends

Scanned below at 300% scale

RP-812 DP - the unfinished die proof

RP-812 - a finished strip

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